

Transportation Advisory Committee

February 8, 2017, 7:15 pm to 9:30 pm, Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conf. room

Present: Bill Copithorne, Mike Gordon, Melissa Laube, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Victor Rivas, Scott Smith, Laura Wiener

Missing members: Marjorie Moores

**Public Comments:** none

**Administration.** Minutes of 1/11/17 approved unanimously as amended. Other handouts were reviewed.

Howard reported that John Hurd has resigned. Howard will contact Chamber of Commerce to ask them to appoint a replacement.

**Town Issues.**

- Laura reported that the ARB is reviewing a new project at 483 Summer Street, near the Rec. Center (opposite side). Corey will look at parking regulations on Summer Street. Bill will look at drainage. Both issues came up at recent public hearing.
- Corey reported that coin collection from the meters is now being done by an outside contractor. The Library lot is ready for the new multi-space meter. Because snow and salt are covering the numbers on each parking space it is not now being enforced. He is talking with Walk Boston about a Senior Pedestrian Safety Program.
- Bill reported that the signal posts are up in Arlington Center but not the mast arms. The signals are expected to go live in May.
- Howard reported that one person so far has expressed an interest in the Associate membership position. Resumes are due Feb. 10. He will set up an interview next week.

**Local Speed Limits Change.** Jeff reviewed his memo from Working Group about changing the default speed limit from 30 to 25. It would not affect roadways with their own speed limit signs. One concern is that many of the gateways to the Town are on roads that are exceptions and have their own speed limits. Voted unanimously. Howard will submit report to Selectmen. Jeff will attend a meeting and present the recommendations.

**Magnolia and Herbert.** Corey reported that he will do traffic counts in the spring. This project should be evaluated for a Safety Zone, because raised crosswalk/speed table is so costly at this location. Howard will submit report to Selectmen's office.

**MBTA Capital Improvement Program.** Laura reported that the MBTA has asked communities for comments on their CIP. Victor reported that there is a long list of projects. Town priorities could include keeping Red Line in state of good repair, and improved bus stop accessibility and signage. Victor will sort through projects to see if there is anything relevant to Arlington. The following people volunteered to work on a letter: Scott, Victor, Melissa, Laura and Mike.

**Lesley Ellis School on Winter Street.** WG received info from Ted Wilson, and did some independent observations. The larger enrollment will create more drop-off and pick-up traffic, but fewer teachers will result in fewer cars needing to park during the day. Howard hopes to have a report next month.

**Appleton/Paul Revere.** Working Group met. Wayne suggested a Road Safety Audit for the whole Park Avenue corridor would be helpful, to look at traffic volumes, speed, and land use. Corey feels that Appleton probably meets the warrant for a traffic signal. Suggestions for improving safety include: Paint a box at the intersection, install pedestrian flags at Appleton, install bump-outs. Corey noted there is no place to attach flags. Jeff suggested contacting Lisa Schletzbaum at MassDOT about a Road Safety Audit. Mike has crash data and will work with Adam Kurowski to map it.

**School Issues.** AAA safety patrols will be added at Peirce School

**Bike Share.** There was a presentation to the Selectmen on 1/9. They expressed a strong interest in Hubway, and asked the Working Group to continue to research technical details and funding and report back. The Vision 2020 Survey includes questions about residents' interest in using bike share.

**Bus Safety.** Melissa presented some data. They are in the process of setting priorities.

**Adjourned** at 9:30PM.

- Meeting Materials:
  - Meeting Packet for February: Agenda 2/8/17; Minutes of 1/11/17; Individual Action List 2/8/17; Project List 2/8/17.
  - Draft Memo to Board of Selectmen from Transportation Advisory Committee Re. Local Speed Limits and Local Speed Safety Zones, dated January 31, 2017.
  - Draft memo to Parks and Recreation Commission from Transportation Advisory Committee Re. Evaluation of Speed Table at Herbert Road and Magnolia Street Intersection, dated February 2, 2017.